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Report of Bertika Grove Mission for August, 1897.

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Services (by incumbent) at St. Johns:-

	Matins	Litany	H. Com.	Even song	Children's Services	4 Choir Practices
Sundays	3	2	3	5	4	1 Chuching
Holy days	1	-	1	1		2 Baptisms
Week days	23	6	4	12	3	7 Kuxials

Visits to Dallis - On August 3, Matins, H. Communion; ^{Vernon} Aug. 12. The Dedication Festival kept here today. Canon Josa assisting. Morning Prayer ^{Vernon} H. Com. at 11 and ^{Vernon} Even song at 6 pm. The little chapel was full both times. Canon Josa's Magic Lantern Entertainment brought in \$9.12 which has been placed to the credit of Dallis School. An account of the day's festival is to appear in the Diocesan Magazine for September. On Aug. 15, Even song ^{Vernon}. On Aug. 22, Matins, H. Com. ^{Vernon}. On Aug. 24 for a wedding. The School was duly visited on one or more of these days. The Teacher's Residence is near completion.

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At Bartika, Mrs. Jane Mitchell and John Charles were buried from the Hospital on Aug. 3 & 10 respectively during my absence, on my return I read the service over the graves. On Aug. 6 I administered the Blessed Sacrament to a patient in Bartika Hospital at his request, shortly afterwards his wife took him out and he died the same afternoon. N. S. P. Visits have been paid to the Hospital and St. John's School. A few houses in Bartika have also been visited. St. John's School was examined on Aug. 24 with apparently satisfactory results. I have however informed the teacher, W. A. Niles that his services will not be required after Sept. 30th. Mr. Niles is or can be, a good teacher but anyone acquainted

with Bartika would probably think with me that a change will be beneficial both to the school and the teacher. I intend to build a schoolmaster's residence so as to add to the income of the teacher. I have not yet arranged about finding the funds for this purpose.

On Aug. 10 I visited Holga, Almanac and Cass Island.

" " 14 " " Baracarra to see a man who was reported by the B. to be very ill.

" " 17 " " (after St. Edward's) Atimac and The Keep on the Magaruni.

Canon Josa kindly (in addition to what has been stated above) gave a Magic Lantern Entertainment at Bartika on Aug. 26, this was not well attended but produced \$6.00 to go towards the cost of new School offices which a carpenter has been ordered to put up. Canon Josa preached at St. John's on the evening of Aug. 29.

It seems to me that this District requires in addition to one Schoolmaster-Catechist (such as we have at Ballie man) one (at least) Catechist with a boat who could (say once a month) visit the various timber grants and some of the few people who live in distant out of the way nooks. I have not yet had time to visit the timber grants but I am informed that there are three in the District, that another will soon be started and also a Ballata Grant, I am also told that these Grants sometimes employ as many as 200 labourers and that sometimes their wives and families accompany them.

I remain, Yours Obediently,

Jas Williams

Bartika Grove 2/9/77

To the Venerable

The Vicar General.

Georgetown.

Hartley petition
to practice with
U.S. A. degree

Church of England Mission. Peters.
Jan: 27th. 1897

To
His Excellency, Sir Augustus W. L. Hemming, K. C. M. G.,
Governor and Commander in Chief in, and over the
Colony of British Guiana, and its dependencies, Vice-Admiral
thereof. &c. &c.

The humble petition of Henry Hartley,
Clerk in Holy Orders, respectfully sheweth

1. That your petitioner is an Anglican Clergyman, appointed
by His Excellency, the Right Reverend, William Perrett, Bishop of
Georgetown, to the Peters - Waparra Mission

2. That he duly graduated in Feb: 1895, in Nashville, Tenn.
& again in March 1895, in Keokuk, Iowa; & that he
practised Medicine & Surgery in U.S. from Feb: 1895, till
Sep: 1896, when he arrived in this colony

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That he is a member of the Pan American Medical Congress,
at which congress, British Physicians from various colonies
were present as delegates sent by the Government: that he
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by His Lordship, the Right Honourable, William Rothe Greene,
D.D. (Brentford) to the Peter - Maraputa Mission

3- That he duly graduated in Feb: 1893, in Nashville, Tenn.
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4- That your Petitioner during the years 1884 and 1885
held the position of Chemist & Druggist in the
Government Hospital, at Caroni, Trinidad: &
that your Petitioner in April 1896 was made a
member of the "French Society of Hygiene of Paris"

5- That your Petitioner has fully learnt from His
Lordship, Dr. Inghy, & the Hon: Dr. Ross: C.M.G.
Surgeon-General of the colony, the laws regulating
the practice of Medicine: but that feeling

in an isolated, & quite unhealthy, as is by every one admitted,
district like the Potaro, where daily scenes of the
Aborigines; black ones, working on the places; the
various Government officials, tourists & explorers
from Europe & the United States, come to one
in charge of a Mission station; more particularly, when
they have heard, that such an one is a member of the
Medical profession. In medical relief & advice,
feeling and sensibly experiencing, the awkwardness
of an illegal position, with every best & purest motive
to do good

6 - Your humble petitioner would most
respectfully appeal to Your Excellency, as ordinary.
In permission to practice medicine and surgery,
thereby enabling one to alleviate suffering humanity,
& make the African Church in this section quite
powerful for good, health & strength being granted me

7 Your petitioner would state, that in Nova
Scotia (in which autonomous Province he spent
six weeks, for rest, & during that time, fully practised
for the benefit of the poor) & in other British
Provinces, diplomas have been granted to

Scotland (in which autonomous Province he spent
six weeks, for art. & during that time, fully practicing
for the benefit of the poor) & in other Pontifical
provisions, diplomas from reputable American
Colleges are fully recognized; & that by a decision
recently given by the Lord Chief Justice of England
an American Physician may pursue his calling
there, with the priv. that (U.S.A) are inserted
after M.D.

I - Humbly praying Your Excellency's kind and
gracious consideration.
Your petitioner as in duty bound
will ever pray.
Remaining Yr Excellency's
most Obedt Servant
Henry Hartley M.D.

May Lead
50 Country Coast
Residence

Sept. 30. 1897

Wable. A Gwether, M. A. M. General

Wable & Dear Sir,

Today being the end of the quarter reminds me that I must forward to you a report of the mission here. I beg to state that my duties at No 50 and Union have been regularly performed. At No 50 there have been the usual Sunday services - morning & evening, daily matins at 7.0, & on Wednesdays - Evensong and sermon at 7.30. All these services were fairly well attended, especially those on Sunday evening.

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being 78.

Children's Services were held regularly on the
second Sunday afternoon in the month at 3.0.
The Sunday School was well attended.

There have been seven baptisms and six funerals.
The Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held
on Sunday last, the 26th inst. when a fairly good offering
was realized - £13 ⁵/₄ ⁰⁰

At Union the Sunday afternoon services were
held. The people here and at No 50 have been
visited regularly by me.

I visit the day school regularly every week and
instructed the children in Religious Knowledge.

I find however that it

is not possible to all the children assembled
at 9.0 am. Indeed some are often just in time
to answer to their names at Roll Call whilst
others are too late. This being the case, it is found
not an easy task to give Religious Instruction
unless encroachment is made upon the time
set down for secular knowledge & which en-
croachment if permitted will tend, I think,
to damage the results at the Annual Examination.
I would like to see Religious Instruction holding
a place amongst the subjects included in the
Government Regulations for Primary Schools.

On the evening of Aug. 2 a Public Entertainment
was given in the school room the proceeds of which
amounted to \$23.⁰⁰ This sum was given towards
repairs of school.

I am glad to be able to state that although
there has been no marked increase in the
general offerings still there has been no diminution
whatsoever.

The contributions and subscriptions towards the Bishop's
stipend & permanent endowment funds have been,
as usual, exceedingly small.

The people are having a plenty of good provision
at present but there is still a great scarcity
of money.

A systematic giving towards the curate's fund
as well as other objects it would be much
better than the spasmodic efforts the people
now make. In fact they never have been taught
to give but they will have to learn this lesson
in the future, in the near future too, or else they
will have to do without a resident clergyman.

I think with a resident Clergman, this place
might possibly become a very useful centre.
We are 19 miles from Port Moresby and 14 from
Skeldon. & there are no other recognized English
places of worship, with the exception of a few Schol.
Chapels at which service are held occasionally
by Catholic lay helpers.

I am told that one or two respectable families
will be settling down here very shortly, in fact
two, belonging to the Church of England, are already
making preparations for building their houses.

I have not the slightest hesitancy in saying that
this place has never been in such a state of
efficiency as it at present is. Our average at-
tendance on Sundays is 120. Cooks in the
neighboring districts who speak English attend
occasionally as well as the Commisary.

I only wish there were some means available
whereby to pay a resident man a fairly good
stipend.

I have the honor to remain, Sir, Dear Sir,
Yours most obediently,
Paul P. Cornell

557
New Church
Calcutta

lockap. 24. 1897

June 3/97

Dear Arch Deacon Gwyther

Before giving you

as the principal a brief

outline of my movements.

allow me to congratulate you

on your safe return

home. I joyfully accept your

appointment as Chief Officer

during the Bishop's absence.

As I always keep the

Bishop fully posted up in my

movements I shall do the same
to you. till his return

I arrived at this Mission
at 12 pm on Tuesday 18th having
left Labacaburi at 6 am Sunday.

I remain here on Sunday (Whit Sunday)
+ shall be chiefly engaged in
attending to the building of the new
Church & Mission House. On
the 7th I go to Paramuri where
I intend remaining till the 12th.

I hope to be at Hackney for Trinity
Sunday, returning here until the
17 or 18 when I propose returning
to Labacaburi. to be home from

Thanksgiving Sunday

I am building a new Mission
House at Paramuri as well as
repairing the Church there. I need
not tell you who has had so
much experience among the
Indians how trying & uphill ^{this} work
is. we have no funds
but what we can give ourselves,
+ the people only engage in any
work for the Mission while I
remain on the spot.

I hope to finish the Mission House
here at my next visit. The frame
is up & the rafters on. we now
require the broken wood & timbers.
The area is 30 x 25 ft. with a 9th
gallery running round. At present
only one end of this gallery will

be floored in addition to the body of house

The remaining portion will form a sort of gigantic eave to the house to give shade & protection from the rain.

At Waramuri, the area of the Mission House is larger. being 42×24 . with a 7ft gallery running round the house. The house here

stands on 9ft pillars from the ground & that at Waramuri on 7ft pillars.

This virtually makes them two storied houses. The Church here will be

ready I hope by the end of my next visit here, to hold services in. altho

it will not be finished. I wrote to the Bp. just before he sailed asking for his permission to hold services there until he can formally open & dedicate the Church. Does it lie within your province to grant such permission?

Yours faithfully
Audley, A. Ash

Mission at
Agatash
Jas Williams

Partika Grove.

August 10, 1897.

The Rev. Archdeacon Lwyther,
Near General.

Dear Archdeacon,

I hardly like to trouble you as often
but do not see quite how to avoid it.

On going to Agatash last night for the
second time to hold service; the people, of
their own accord, without a word from me,
said that if I was agreeable they would, at their
own risk and on their own responsibility, build
a room which could be used as a mission
room for services &c. I had already thought it
would be a good plan to pay some one living there
say \$3 per month for teaching the smaller children
up to 2nd Standard. There is there an old Indian
scholar of Mr. Kernan's who I think might be able

To do the teaching and for this the suggested room would come in. Suppose anything were to happen to prevent service or school being held at Aghash at any future time, the house would not be a dead loss to anyone as it could always be utilized as a dwelling house.

I told the people that I was quite agreeable and that I would enquire whether a grant of land could be obtained for the site of the suggested room. How could a grant be obtained?

I remain, Dear Brethren,
Yours faithfully,

Jas Williams

There is, I take it, a danger of having such a room unless in the hands of the Church, as if we gave up using it, perhaps it might then become a 7th day Adventist Chapel or Salvation Army Barracks.

Dr. Hartley
I do not wash

Dispute Place

Patara 21 August 97

Mrs. Nathan General
D.C.

I have to report misconduct
on behalf of the Dr. Hartley
on the morning of the 15th.
This Dr. Guttman forced his
way into my camp against the
Remonstrance of my Camp Servant

I had previously given
orders my Servant not to allow
Dr. Hartley into my Camp. My
Servant told the Dr. of the orders
he had.

Notwithstanding he forced his way
in. When I returned to Camp I
ordered the Dr. out & asked him
why he went in his reply: "It
my fault - Mr. Clarke. You men
told me of the orders"

When the Dr. Came into the
part of the District some two or
three months ago he called here
I accorded him the Hospitality
of the Camp for a night.
But being Surprised I found the
Dr. was filthy had no underclothing
only one old, dirty white shirt which
he had on him except he has
been in the District for about
two months & no one that I
can hear of have seen anything
with him only a black Blouse
waist coat & the white shirt-
when I say white I mean at one
time I believe it was white.

This is why I refused
to allow him about the Camp.

Judging from appearance I
should have said the Dr. proposition
was that of a Beggar.

I merely ask that men
under you of the Dr. Class. be
told not to force into my Camp
again.

Yours etc etc
Dand Clarke

P.S. I thought mention there is plenty
of good spring water in this part of
the world.

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Referred to D Hartley for his
guidance with the remark that
reference to his ^{want of} personal cleanliness
is made with unpleasant fre-
quency by all sorts of people and
is

is bringing the reverse of credit
upon the Church of which Mr. Hartley
is a recognized Minister.

This is to be noted ~~very~~ and returned
to me

A. G. W. H. C.
Vicar General

Sept 3. 1897.